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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Zakiya N. Walker

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 14, 15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-13, 16, 17 and 19-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>04232004, 03042005</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-26 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claims 1, 11, 19, 20, and 26, it appears that the term --between-- should be inserted after "interposed" for clarity purposes. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4, 14, 15, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,412,560 (cited by applicant).

US'560 discloses an apparatus that includes a vibrator apparatus for connection to a well tubular 2 member for imparting longitudinal vibrations thereto, said vibrator apparatus comprising: a vibrator section 22 including a member adapted to be connected to an elongated well tubular member 2 for transferring vibrations thereto; and a support section 3, 27 interposed said vibrator section and a wellhead structure for supporting said apparatus on said wellhead structure, said support section including pressure fluid support and isolation members 28 operably supporting said vibrator section. With respect to the depending claims, the reference teaches the limitations as claimed, including isolation member pressure fluid piston and cylinder assemblies 28, a

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flange 27, a support plate 3, a frame 13, the support section having four piston 7b and cylinder 7 assemblies, pressure fluid drive motors 24, means for support for rotation 3, 43, and means 43 for driving tubular member.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 5-13, 16, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, claim 11 is allowable if the corrections with respect to paragraph 1 above are made.

5. Claims 19-26 are allowable if the corrections with respect to paragraph 1 above are made.

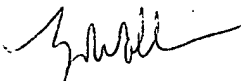
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zakiya N. Walker whose telephone number is (571) 272-7039. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on (571) 272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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